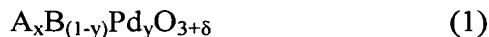


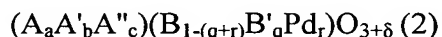
**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Original) A perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (1):



wherein A represents at least one element selected from rare earth elements and alkaline earth metals; B represents at least one element selected from transition elements (excluding rare earth elements, and Pd), Al and Si; x represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $1 < x$ ; y represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 < y \leq 0.5$ ; and  $\delta$  represents an oxygen excess.

2. (Original) A perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (2):



wherein A represents at least one element selected from La, Nd and Y; A' represents at least one element selected from rare earth elements and alkaline earth metals (excluding La, Nd, Y, Ce, Pr and Tb); A'' represents at least one element selected from Ce, Pr and Tb; B represents at least one element selected from Mn, Fe, Co and Al; B' represents at least one element selected from transition elements (excluding rare earth elements, and Mn, Fe, Co, Al and Pd) and Si;

a represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0.5 < a \leq 1.3$ ; b represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 \leq b < 0.5$ ; (a + b) represent atomic ratios satisfying the following condition:  $1 < (a + b) \leq 1.3$ ; c represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 \leq c \leq 0.2$ ; q represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:

$0 \leq q < 0.5$ ;  $r$  represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 < r \leq 0.5$ ; and  $\delta$  represents an oxygen excess.

3. (Original) The perovskite-type composite oxide according to claim 2, wherein at least one of  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $q$  is 0 in the general formula (2).

4. (Currently Amended) A catalyst composition comprising the perovskite-type composite oxide according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1.

5. (Original) The catalyst composition according to claim 4, which is an exhaust gas purifying catalyst.

6. (Original) The catalyst composition according to claim 4, which is a coupling reaction catalyst for organic synthesis.

7. (Original) A method for producing a perovskite-type composite oxide, which comprises a step of formulating materials in accordance with each atomic ratio of a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (1):



wherein  $A$  represents at least one element selected from rare earth elements and alkaline earth metals;  $B$  represents at least one element selected from transition elements (excluding rare earth elements, and  $Pd$ ),  $Al$  and  $Si$ ;  $x$  represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $1 <$

x; y represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition:  $0 < y \leq 0.5$ ; and  $\delta$  represents an oxygen excess.